

The Story: The Son of God

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The _____ of people only know Jesus from a distance.

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v. 15

²³ Someone asked him, "Lord, are only a few people going to be saved?"

He said to them, ²⁴ "Make every effort to enter through the narrow door, because many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able to. Luke 13:23-24, NIV

A relative _____ know Jesus up-close and personally.

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We know also that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true. And we are in him who is true by being in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. 1 John 5:20, NIV

The few who know Jesus personally, know _____ things for sure:

- ✓ Jesus is the _____
- ✓ Jesus is the _____ of _____

¹⁷ Jesus replied, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by flesh and blood, but by my Father in heaven. v. 17

¹⁴ The person without the Spirit does not accept the things that come from the Spirit of God but considers them foolishness, and cannot understand them because they are discerned only through the Spirit. 1 Corinthians 2:14, NIV

Such personal knowledge is revealed to us _____.

¹⁸ And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it. v. 18

The confession of Christ is the church's reliable _____.

¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." v. 19

The confession of Christ is the unfailing fountain of the church's work: teaching God's _____ and _____.

MEMORY VERSE

¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16, NIV

Bottom line: Jesus is the Son of God, the Messiah! I consider myself blessed to know and confess this truth, I rely on it, and I respond to it by working to share it with others.

What's your next step today?
Mark it on your Communication Card.